BAR HILL NEWS

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Bar Hill Jubilee Fête

1st July 2017

You will find a small celebratory gift inside your Bar Hill News from the Residents' Association

BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL — COUNCILLOR VACANCY — COULD YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

ARE YOU ABLE TO SPARE A FEW HOURS TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

As a Parish Councillor you will:

- attend a monthly meeting of the Full Council;
- serve on Committees/Working Parties of your choice to help decide what activities to support and on what to spend money locally;
- be a voice for the Community;
- help with the management and maintenance of the Council's assets (buildings, open spaces, play areas etc.);
- be a consultee e.g. planning applications, health services, transport, and a number of other National, County and District issues and policies;
- help with fulfilling the Council's statutory responsibilities.

You will need energy, enthusiasm, commitment and a genuine interest in the future of Bar Hill and a desire to make improvements for the benefit of the community.

You must be a British and/or Commonwealth subject or European national or Ireland and attained the age of 18 years and

1. on that day is and thereafter continues to be a local government elector for the area of the Authority; and/or
2. has during the whole 12 months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the area; and/or
3. his or her principal or only place of work during that 12 months has been in the area; or
4. during the whole 12 months has resided in that area; and/or
5. during the whole 12 months has resided in the Parish or within 4.8km (3miles) of it free of either a criminal record or bankruptcy (see also Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 regarding disqualification).

Please contact the Clerk on 01954 780456 or email: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com for further information. Letters of interest to be submitted by **10th July 2017** setting out your interest, skills and abilities to contribute to the role of the Council (approx. 100 words).

BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL — VACANCY —

Applications are invited for the post of

RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

To be responsible for all financial records of the Council and undertake the careful administration of its finances.

Duties include: ensuring Council operates adequate cash flow management for all creditors and debtors to the council; monthly accounts reports and reconciliations; VAT; Precept, and budget preparation and monitoring; preparation for audit; maintenance of asset register and risk management procedures in accordance with our Financial Regulations (NALC).

Hours: 5 per week *(as an average per month).*

Salary: NALC spine points 18–22 *(depending on experience and qualifications).*

Closing date: **10th July 2017.**

For further details and pack, contact Bar Hill Parish Council on **01954 780456.**

GRAND ART EXHIBITION AT BAR HILL FÊTE

Visit the Church to see all original paintings by members of Bar Hill Church Art Group. Browse, buy, or just enjoy the pictures.

BAR HILL FÊTE FUN DOG SHOW

Bring your dog – Heinz 57, all sorts, even Posh Pedigree – along to the fun Dog Show at the Fête to win a rosette in one of the not-very-serious classes.

Come and try the Have-a-Go at agility on the simple course in the afternoon, in the centre of the Village Green.

Organised by St Ives Dog Training Club.

Deadline for August's edition: 15th July to bhneditor@yahoo.com or see page 2 for other contacts.

— BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION —

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The objectives of the association are to act as an intermediary between residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published, but names and addresses may be withheld. However, these may be made available should a written request be received. This is a private publication and may not be reproduced in any way without the prior permission of the Bar Hill Residents' Association Committee.

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To help overcome this, we publish Maxi and Mini ads which appear throughout the publication. We cannot guarantee their inclusion, though, due to restrictions of space. Maxi ads (6cmx4½cm – 9cmx6cm) are £8.50 per month; Mini ads (6cmx2cm – 6cmx4cm) are £5 per month, and should be submitted by 15th of the month prior to their inclusion.

EDITORIAL

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month. [Items offered For Sale will be advertised in two consecutive editions, so please let the Editor know if the item(s) sell after the first time.] All items can be submitted electronically on disk or to bhneditor@yahoo.com *[a Word file is best, please]* or hard copy via Parish Council Office.

— THE MAPLE SURGERY —

Tel: **01954 780442**
www.mhmaple.co.uk

Out of Hours Emergencies call **111**
(Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 111 Service)

Surgery Opening times:
Monday to Friday 8.15am – 6.30pm
On the day appointments: bookable by phone at ***8.30am*** for the ***mornings*** and at ***1.30pm*** for ***afternoons.***

Midwife	Thursday	9.30am–12.30pm
Podiatrist	Wed. & Friday	8.45am–12 noon
		and 1.00–4.00pm
Orthoptist	2nd Tues/month	9.00am–12.30pm
Cambs Hearing Help	4th Tues/month	9.30–11.30am
Health Visitors *(based at Longstanton)*:		01954 207612
Well Child Clinics:	3rd Tues/month	1.00–2.30pm

at the Children's Centre, Bar Hill *(next to Primary School).*

GOLDEN JUBILEE — BAR HILL LIBRARY

A very successful Golden Jubilee Coffee Morning was held in the Library on Wednesday 24th May. At least 40 people attended.
Many thanks to the Coffee Stop who provided tea and coffee free of charge and especially to the two helpers who ensured everything ran smoothly.
The opportunity was taken to publicly thank Volunteers, past and present, who help in the Library. This includes Weekly Helpers, whose task of keeping the shelves tidy was likened to "painting the Forth Bridge", Storytime Volunteers, the Computer Buddy (who provides free internet training), and the Family History Representative. Special thanks were also given to the Friends of the Library. Whilst they have now disbanded they left a wonderful legacy. Equipment purchased for the Library using funds they raised was outlined.
Mrs Duce then cut a cake supplied by the Library Service, depicting the village sign.
The Jubilee Display outlining the growth of the village has been taken down but staff hope to compile a scrapbook for future reference.

— WANTED —

Bar Hill School Reception Class would like donations of pieces/strips of wood to make into a pretend 'forest'. Artificial fruit and vegetables for educational purposes still welcome.
Please deliver to Jo Hall, 11 Almond Grove. T: **01954 780304**

HAVING PROBLEMS WITH COMPUTERS OR NEW TECHNOLOGY?

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— NWR —
CONNECTING WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EVERYTHING AND TALK ABOUT ANYTHING

NWR is a national women's organisation with members who enjoy lively conversations both serious and light hearted. It is for women of all ages who like to be informed and share ideas by actively participating in the content of meetings. We promote friendship and self-confidence for lively minded women. We invite you to join us. Come along to one of our meetings – you'd be very welcome.

6th July **BAR HILL IS 50!** As we celebrate our anniversary, share your memories of the village. Why did you move here, has it lived up to expectations, community spirit, facilities etc.

20th July **Pioneering women explorers** – research an adventurer or pioneer.

3rd August **Meaning of words** – choose three words, give three meanings for each word, can the group guess the correct meaning.

The Bar Hill NWR group meets informally in members' homes on alternate Thursday evenings at 8pm. We pay an annual fee of £20 and just £1 per meeting to cover local costs. If you would like more information or someone to accompany you to a meeting, please don't hesitate to call Marie-The Last on 01954 780329 or Jackie Jackson on 01954 781613.
NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk.
Why not have a look!

BAR HILL COMMUNITY MARKET

Not August/September
Saturday 7th October
10.30am–2pm
In the Octagon CB23 8EH
— Entry is Free —

All profits go to community/charity projects.
Refreshments with Soup & Bread at lunchtime
BBQ *(weather permitting).*

If you wish to be part of the market please contact Karen Austen 01954 781085.
e-mail: bar.hill.community.market@gmail.com
Facebook: Bar Hill Community Market

S. DYE For all your Painting & Decorating needs. Please call 07806 629972 or 01954 230484

— 8 O'CLOCK CLUB —

We are a women's group that meets on the first Thursday of the month in the lounge at the school. We have a variety of speakers as well as an annual garden party, birthday party and Christmas meal.
6th July : Bob Chappell – Birds and Wildlife
[no meeting in August]
If you would like further information please phone **Barbara** on **01954 204171, Adela** on **01954 204265, Ann** on **01954 204687**, or come along to one of our meetings. We'd be very pleased to meet you.

— HAPPY HOURS —

Our Club meets most Mondays in the Octagon building of Bar Hill Church from 11am–3pm, with coffee, tea and light lunches.
Our Summer lunch menu consists of salads *(cheese, salmon or the weekly special which could be ham, corn beef, pork pie or quiche)* or ploughman's lunch – all at £2.30 each.
Our aim is to provide friendship and companionship so why not come along and give us a try? You can have a good old natter, a game or two, or enjoy various other activities.
We would welcome new members.
On 22nd May we had the 21 Challenge Cake Auction which was a great success raising over £180
On 5th June we had our Open Day celebrating Bar Hill's 50th Anniversary with a very lovely buffet and some bubbly to celebrate. All members and the visitors who came along seemed to enjoy the afternoon.

Coming up in July
3rd: Charades;
10th: Chocolate tasting
17th: Pictionary
24th: Children's Holiday at Home – *no Happy Hours*
31st: Marie Curie Bloomin' Great Tea Party.
Anne Plumb, 01954 780364

21 CHALLENGE CAKE AUCTION

On behalf of myself and Shirley I would like to say a very big thank you to all the lovely people at Happy Hours for the support they gave us at the 21 Challenge for Jess Cake Auction. In total we raised the fantastic amount of **£188.70** for My Blue Heart which was way beyond our expectations. If this was because the auctioneer was very good at her job or you are all just very generous people we will never know!!!. Personally I think it is the latter.
A very special thank you must also be said to the very kind person who donated £21.00 anonymously on the day and to Mary for coming along in the afternoon and joining in the fun.
We both had a great afternoon and Shirley enjoyed meeting you all.
Once again thank you so, so much.
With love *Sue* x

— HEALTH AND WELLBEING CLUB —

Normally held on the second Tuesday of the month between 2–4pm in Tesco Community Room, the group focuses on all aspects of promoting and maintaining good health in every area.
We start with a chair based exercise activity followed by advice from Tesco's departments.
This is a unique and friendly group and is an ideal place to meet new people.
Next meeting: **11th July.**
For further information, contact Wendy Arrowsmith on 01954 781381 or Sue Kenchington on 01954 780260.

— BAR HILL BOOK CLUB —

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 25th July** at **7pm** in the **Fox, Bar Hill.**
Please come and join our friendly group of book loving ladies.
Contact Sheila: 07920 558319

— LETTERS —

Dear Editor

I am writing to thank you enormously for placing the information regarding our Make A Will Month in your local community publication *(March 2017)*. The support really does mean a lot. I am pleased to say that many of our enquirers had seen the piece in their local community paper, which is fantastic news.

This was our first Make A Will event at which we raised nearly £7,500 for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. This will make a wonderful difference to the many patients who come here for care and support tailored to their needs.

Thank you again.

Lucy Day

Gifts in Wills Officer, ARHC, Cherry Hinton Road, Shelford Bottom, Cambridge CB22 3FB. arhc.org.uk

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Dear Editor

With reference to Jo Hall's letter in June's BHN stating that she was appalled at the lack of residents at the annual Parish Council Meeting, can I suggest that meetings are not held mid-week and that an article is placed in the BHN, on a monthly basis to advise residents on what is happening and what the PC need our inputs on.

The majority of people who I've spoken to after my dealings with the PC are negative and as residents there are very few people who actually think that they do anything for us as there is no visibility or discussions as to Village Matters. Meetings are held behind closed doors, even though I was advised they are transparent and if you ask questions, little is done to answer them without a web of secrecy.

No one wants to waste their time being ignored or being made to feel that they are in the wrong for asking questions or just to be told what our Parish Councillors have decided for us.

I know that they are volunteers, but the Parish Councils main job is surely to represent the residents and NOT to dictate to us.

Exactly how do these people get to run our village without any consultation with its residents or being voted for?

Recent decisions made, have made many residents angry and it seems that they could be doing it again by selling the skate parkland to developers. At the time of writing this letter, Developers have only applied to buy the land, however after the selling of the "Willows" and now this, it makes me wonder what's next on the list?

What gives the PC the right to sell village asset's and for that matter decide NOT to reinstate the skate park after 3 years of promising that they would, without public consultation?

In February 2017, Mr Doland asked in the BHN where the PC were meant to find £60,000 to reinstate the Skate Park, astonishingly today they seem to have found exactly the same amount for the new play area. Funny that!

Once again, why should we residents respect, support and attend any meetings when they have no respect for us. There's an old saying, you don't demand respect you have to earn it. Sadly in my opinion and in my dealings with, our Councillors have not earned it.

Geoff Caswell, Field View

Dear Editor

You kindly passed on to me Mr Caswell's letter to BHN responding to my letter in last month's edition, complaining about the poor attendance by residents at this year's Annual Parish Meeting. Having been a resident of the village for nearly 48 years, which I would guess to be considerably longer than Mr Caswell, the meeting has always been midweek and in the not-too-distant past attendances were upwards of 100. Being an avid reader of BHN, I am able to inform Mr Caswell that a summary of the proceedings of the Parish Council is a constant feature. They can also be read in the window of the PC office. I can state with certainty that the Annual Parish Meeting was announced as it has to be by law. Moreover, why did he also miss the announcement of the Annual General Meeting of the Residents' Association? Had he done so and been elected to the committee, he would have been able to make a meaningful contribution to village life, such as in the organisation of the Village Fête – has he read on the front page that this will take place on 1st July? – or the publication of BHN.

Regards, *Jo Hall*

— BAR HILL POST OFFICE —

We are located in Bar Hill Library, open 9am–5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am–12.30pm Saturday.

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New – ice creams, helium balloons, cigarettes/tobacco

– PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POST OFFICE – ☺

thank you ☺

FOR SALE

1 x Stratos Adventure **men's road bike**; Shimano gears shifter 3/7 speed; Rear Derailleur 6/7 – Front Derailleur, band on triple – **unused** – cost £219; **sell £175** o.n.o.

1 Helmet **unused** – cost £40 each; **sell £25** o.n.o. incl. pump and repair kit in bag

6 person tent for sale – red & grey tent; 2 bedrooms; groundsheet; porch poles; double + single airbed; foot pump – **£55** o.n.o.

CD/DVD rack – holds approx 120 CDs – teak – H 6'6" x W 6" x D 7" approx **£7** o.n.o.

2 x teak bracketless shelves £7 o.n.o. the pair

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— OVER GP SURGERY —

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— BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL —

Sue Bell, Parish Clerk: 01954 780456
e-mail: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com.
Please note that the office is open to residents between **9am–11am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.**
Visit our website: www.barhill.org.uk for updates.

Vacancies – Parish Council (PC) vacancies have arisen for a Councillor and a Responsible Finance Officer. Please see the front page of this edition, or contact the Clerk for details.

Disposal of land off Saxon Way consultation – a notice was placed in last month's edition advising that PC had been approached by a commercial retail developer regarding buying council land off Saxon Way. We hope the developer will explain more in a public meeting so residents can make an informed decision. Please keep an eye on our noticeboard and the website – http://barhill.org.uk – for further information.

Facilities for young people – PC is pleased that plans have been agreed for a recreational area for teenagers including a seating area, climbing and multiactivity units, cross trainer, supernova and skate-ramp. This has been planned with input from the young people of Bar Hill. Unfortunately the PC was unable to organise the *Youth Bus* between Easter and July, but we hope to book it for September.

Hallmark development – PC has been informed that Hallmark was successful in its appeal against South Cambs District Council (SCDC) for the development of 40 homes on land adjacent the hotel.

Dam Brook/Hollytrees stream – work on stabilisation of the banks will start shortly.

Cars –PC continues to receive complaints about cars being parked on verges and green spaces. All residents and visitors are respectfully requested not to park on green spaces including roadside verges. The PC monitors and writes to residents.

A14 – Highways England arranged for the mobile exhibition vehicle to attend Tesco car park on 1st June 2017. It was advertised on the website and our noticeboards but unfortunately with only two days' notice! You are encouraged to visit the Highways England website www.highways.gov.uk to keep up with progress.
Mike Nelson keeps the website http://barhill.org.uk up to date with closures, diversions and drone footage.

Waste & litter – emptying of domestic waste, village litter and dog bins is the responsibility of SCDC. To report a bin not emptied please phone 03450 450 063 or e-mail refuse@scambs.gov.uk.

Residents are reminded that it is not PC policy to permit the *planting* of land on PC side of fences and walls. While it accepts that many areas are well cared for, it can become a problem when shrubs grow tall or become overgrown with brambles, weeds and self-sown trees that the PC is then expected to deal with. Residents are asked to check to make sure there are no trip hazards along pathways.

Next PC meeting: 20th **July**.

Handy telephone numbers:
Streetlights: **0800 253529** – *give number on lamp post;*
Anglian Water: *(water supply and sewerage)*:
03457 145 145;
South Cambs District Council: **03450 450500;**
County Council: *(damaged paths and roads)*: **01223 717111;**
Abandoned Tesco trolleys: **0800 316 1241.**

— NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH —

Why do we make it so easy for burglars?
Local villages have recently seen a number of burglaries through unlocked doors or open windows. While we love warm sunny days, so do burglars because we become lazy about sensible security. It takes only seconds for a professional or an opportunist to enter your property, see what they can grab and depart, leaving you to make an upsetting discovery.
Bar Hill is fortunate to be a relatively safe place to live but we can make it even safer by taking sensible precautions – all the time.

- √ Keep external doors locked – *even when you are in the house.*
- √ Don't leave tempting ground floor or accessible windows open when you are not in the room.
- √ Lock sheds and garages – *they hold items appealing to a burglar, including the tools to break into your house.*
- √ Keep side gates locked – *yes I know you like to pop in and out easily but why give an intruder easy access?*
- √ Lock doors and close all accessible windows when you go out – *even windows on the latch can easily be opened.*
- √ Help build a safer neighbourhood, by mentioning to others any lapses in their security that you observe.

And FINALLY, while being questioned by police, a burglar commented he avoided Neighbourhood Watch areas during the day because he knew residents were alert ☺
BUT once the curtains were drawn he knew he was safe because people didn't look out so much ☹
MORAL – look out of your windows at night; and day or night report anything suspicious to the police (101). They won't feel you're wasting their time as they welcome our information. After all, burglars often check out an area before committing a crime and you can help forestall them.
Pam Vendy, NHW in Bar Hill

MARIE CURIE
— BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY —

Monday 31st July from 1pm–3pm
at Bar Hill Church Octagon
Come along to enjoy the cream teas and cakes and support this great cause.

BAR HILL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Wednesdays and **Friday** (term time)
9.45–11.15am in the **Octagon.**
Ordinary session price includes children's snacks, drink, craft, play and adult tea/coffee.
Under 1: £1.50; Over 1: £2.50; Family: £3.50.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION,
— BAR HILL BRANCH —

The Royal British Legion Bar Hill meets at 7.30pm on the 4th Thursday of each month in the meeting room of the Octagon.
We are a small friendly group of like-minded people.
You don't need to have an Armed Forces background to join, just share a common cause of supporting our Service Community, now and for the rest of their lives.

— Bar Hill Church —

Bar Hill Church belongs to several denominations, including the Church of England, the United Reformed Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Union and the Society of Friends. The Minister is **Charles Mather**, who may be contacted on charlesmather20@yahoo.com or tel: **01954 277119**. The church website is at www.barhillchurch.org.uk; the Facebook page is at https://facebook.com/barhillchurch and our Twitter account is @BarHillChurch.

SERVICES FOR JULY

Everyone is welcome to attend our services as follows:

Sun. 2nd	**10.00am** Holy Communion (Methodist)
	5.00pm Teatime Worship
Sun. 9th	**10.00am** All-Together Worship
Weds. 12th	**10.00am** Mid- Week Communion
Sun. 16th	**10.00am** Holy Communion (Baptist)
Sun. 23rd	**8.00am** Holy Communion
	10.00am Morning Worship (Holiday Club theme);
	(no ReBoot in the evening)

Totzone and Kidzone take place during 10am services except during the All Together Worship Services.
10am services are followed by tea/coffee, and there is a Traidcraft stall selling a range of fairly traded products.

EVENT: **Friday 14th – Sunday 16th July**
Flower, Art and Craft Show *(see details below)*

OLIVE TREE COFFEE MORNINGS

This is an oasis, a calm welcoming space and may be of help to those who have been challenged and broken by loss, loneliness, by bereavement or those finding life challenging.
Come for conversation or just enjoy the peace and quiet in a safe space. Refreshments will be available and also people who have been trained to listen.
The next Olive Tree Coffee morning will be **Saturday 15th July** at **10.30am** in the Octagon.

PRAYER FOR STREETS

Each month we pray for people in our streets. During **July** we will be praying for **Pheasant Rise** and **Oatlands**.
If residents have a particular prayer request for themselves or their family they are welcome to e-mail Elsa on elsa.mandley@barhillchrch.org.uk

Traidcraft Come and buy Fair Trade items from our stall after Sunday morning Service.

— GROUPS FOR ADULTS —

ART GROUP

Whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced painter, this group will give you a warm welcome on Wednesday afternoons throughout the year from **1.30–4.00pm** in the Church.
Meetings are very informal, with occasional visits from tutors. If you are new to painting, materials are available to borrow to help you get started.
Contact **Jan Hewins** on **01954 201495**.

MUSIC GROUP

This group meets at 7.30pm most Friday evenings in the Church to practise the music for Sunday services. If you sing or play an instrument, you would be very welcome to join us. For further details, please contact Bob Chappell on bob.chappell@barhillchurch.org.uk.

COFFEE STOP

Every Wednesday from 10am–midday in the Bar Hill Library.
Coffee, tea and biscuits are served at a modest price.
A friendly meeting for all to chat with friends old and new.
Contact **Sue Kenchington** on **01954 780260**.

HOMEGROUPS

Would you like an opportunity to meet other Christians for Bible Study and Prayer? Our homegroups provide an informal but supportive environment. Our present theme is **"Faith in Pictures"**.
For more information contact Elizabeth Burns: Elizabeth.burns@barhillchurch.org.uk.

KNIT & NATTER

Thursday afternoons from **1.15–3.30pm** in the Octagon.

Everyone is very welcome, whether to knit, or just to chat and meet new friends.
Contact **Sue Kenchington** on **01954 780260**.

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT GROUP

The craft group is open to anyone who enjoys or would like to start knitting, crochet, card-making or any other creative crafts. We meet in the Octagon from 2.15–4.45pm one Saturday each month for a couple of hours chatting, crafting and enjoying a chance to unwind. Please bring your own craft activity and materials – refreshments are provided.
Next meeting: **Saturday 22nd July**.
Contact **Wendy** on **01954 782041** for more details.

Flower, Art & Craft Show

14th, 15th, 16th July

The Church will be open to receive floral arrangements from 10am on Friday 14th.
Opening times: Friday: 2pm–6pm
Saturday: 10am–4pm
Sunday: 2pm–4pm
— tea and biscuits will be available —
Do come and see the talented people we have in our village!

— Bar Hill Church —

—CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE —

TOTZONE, KIDZONE AND YP

During all services, provision is made for all ages to learn more about God at their own level.
All ages meet in the Main Worship Hall at 10.00am. In most services there will be a short period of worship together and then the children in Totzone and Kidzone will leave to join activities in the Octagon.
On the **2nd Sunday of the month** we have a service of All Together Worship in which the children take part in activities throughout the service in the Main Worship Hall.

— YOUNG PEOPLE —

REBOOT

(4th Sunday of the month)
This informal evening service, held from 6.30–8.00pm, is for adults and young people. It begins with cake, biscuits and drinks and uses contemporary music and format.
Due to Holiday Club preparations there will be no ReBoot Service in July.

— FAMILIES —

TEA TIME WORSHIP

For pre- and primary age children and their families.
A new fun and noisy service, with songs, stories, puppets, prayers and activities.
Sunday 2nd July from 5–6pm.
Bring a picnic to eat together afterwards.

MESSY CHURCH

Please note there will be no Messy Church in July or August. So the next Messy Church Meeting will be on Wednesday **20th September.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION about any of these and other activities for children and/or young people, please contact Ann at ann.chappell@barhillchurch.org.uk.

— HOLIDAY CLUB —

Monday 24th – Friday 28th July
at Bar Hill Church from 9.30am–1.00pm

The Holiday Club looks at Bible stories in a fun way through drama, games, craft, teaching and lots more and is open to all Primary School Age children at a cost of £28 per child *(this works out at £5.60 per day)*, £25 for second sibling and £20 for subsequent siblings.

This includes • *entrance to the club* • *a holiday club T-shirt* • *Wednesday afternoon trip* • *a family tea at 5:45pm on Wednesday* • *refreshments during the week* • *a group photo* •
Please contact Claire on: cypadmin@barhillchurch.org.uk or 01954 781527 to get a booking form.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill
Hills Road, Cambridge
Parish Priest: **Rt. Rev. Mgr Eugene Canon Harkness** Tel: 01223 350787
Local contact: **Bunty Waters** Tel: 01954 201421
Mon., Weds., Thurs., Friday 8am & 12.15pm
Tuesday 8am & 7.30pm
Saturday 6pm: First Mass of Sundays
Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge; also 5pm at Cambourne and **6pm at The Octagon, Bar Hill.**
Holydays of Obligation 8am, 10am, 7.30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 6.45pm (not after Mass)
Saturday 10.30–11.15am, 4.30–5.15pm, 7.00–7.45pm
Details of other services are published in a weekly newsletter available at the 6pm Mass each Saturday. Copies are also available in the Church Centre.

Home Visits
I am happy to bring communion to house bound Catholics. I also visit people at the end of their lives, of any religion or none, who would welcome support or are distressed spiritually.
Contact Jean: 07841 397338, Catholic Eucharistic Minister. Associate Member of the Hospice Chaplaincy Team.

BAR HILL — VILLAGE WEBSITE —

www.barhill.org.uk
You can find updates on such matters as the A14 upgrade, Northstowe, Topland and the environment on the Bar Hill Village website, along with lots of other information.
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Mon.	Martial Arts	7.30–9pm
Tues.	Shotokan Karate	6–8pm
Wed.	Helene Taylor-Todd School of Dance	4–6.45pm
Wed.	Danielle Fitness Classes Zumba & Pilates	7–9pm
Thur.	Pilates *(school term time only)*	10–11am
Thur.	Weightwatchers	7–7.50pm
Fri.	Baby Sensory	10.30–12.30pm
Fri.	Martial Arts	7.30–9pm
Sun.	Bingo *(doors open 7pm)* Cash prizes	7.30–9pm

If you wish to book any of these facilities, or get more information, please call **01954 782414** and leave a clear message. We'll call back within 24 hours (Monday to Friday); or e-mail barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com

— STORYTIME AT BAR HILL LIBRARY —

Stories and pictures, rhymes, songs and craft activities. Small children are invited to Storytime at Bar Hill Library at 10.30am on **8th July**. After that there will be a break for the summer. Sessions will start again on **23rd September**. Storytime is open to children of pre-school age (accompanied by an adult) and their older brothers and sisters. This free event opens up the treasure that books offer, introducing young children to their local library and revealing to them what is to be gained from learning to read. There is no need to book a place; just come along.

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- networking events where you can meet other like-minded organisations;
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If you would like some support please contact **Angela Haylock**, Development Officer: T: **01480 420604**; M: **07809 214895**; www.huntsforum.org.uk.

— MAPLE SURGERY NEWS —

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On-the-day appointment bookings: from **Monday 3rd July**, both morning and afternoon emergency/on-the-day appointments can be booked by phone from 8.30am.

Test results and other enquiries: please try to avoid calling the Surgery before 9.30am for anything other than appointment bookings. Please also remember we can only respond to phone requests for current test results **after 2pm.**

We welcome two new receptionist/administrators, Astrid Badcock and Katie Bartlett.

Free NHS health checks: if you are between 40 and 74 years old and have not had a health check in the last five years, please contact the surgery to book an appointment.

Shingles vaccinations: this is now offered routinely to people aged 70. Please phone the surgery for more details.

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Physiotherapy appointments will be held either at Brookfields (Cambridge), Huntingdon, Ely or Peterborough, whichever location is most convenient for the patient. Unfortunately physiotherapy services at Maple ended in May.

Patient Participation Group (PPG): if you are interested in joining our PPG, or if you are able to assist with online surveys by joining our Virtual PPG, please email the Surgery on maplesurgery.enquiries@nhs.net.

The Maple Surgery Team

— FAMILY HISTORY SESSIONS — BAR HILL LIBRARY

Caroline Norton from the Cambridgeshire Family History Society will be running drop-in sessions at the library as follows for the rest of the year:

Monday 17th July, 10am–12 noon
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Cambridgeshire hearing clinics – next clinics at Willingham are on the following Wednesdays: **19th July, 16th August** and **20th September** from **2–4pm**. No appointment necessary. Do call in for free NHS hearing aid batteries and help and advice regarding hearing loss.

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Huntingdonshire Local Group

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Meet at the reserve entrance by Jacksons Bridge at the end of Heights Drove Road, Ramsey Heights, where there is limited parking. More parking available at the Countryside Centre (PE26 2RS). GR TL235849.

Friday 21st July at 10pm: a very different experience at the 900 year-old **Brampton Wood**, Cambridgeshire's second largest woodland, which is managed to encourage species diversity. This walk concentrates on night time creatures, such as bats, moths and glow worms.

Meet at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton. GR TL 184698. **Please bring a torch.**

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- Beware of cold calls claiming to be from banks or credit card providers.
- If a phone call from the bank seems suspicious, hang up the phone and wait 10 minutes for the line to clear (or ideally use a different phone). Ring them using the phone number on the back of your card or on your bank statement.
- Only ever give out your card details and CVV number when you have initiated a call to make a purchase from a reputable company.
- NEVER divulge your pin number to anyone; even the bank will not ask for it.

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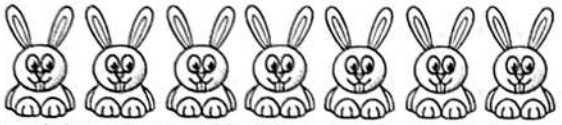

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Several of our collectors reported that they met residents who were welcoming and encouraging. Others were not so pleased to have a visit, but the warm responses made up for the negative ones. Many of our residents have demonstrated their awareness of how privileged we are in our country compared with those who live in less developed parts of the world.

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the total.

— BAR HILL CRICKET CLUB —

Bar Hill remain unbeaten in the CCA Junior League this season, with Sam Clare the star performer in recent matches.

He started by taking four wickets against Haddenham and with Sam Wilson going one better by taking five, Haddenham were bowled out for 87. Sam Clare then top-scored with 32 as Bar Hill won for the loss of three wickets.

He was also top scorer in the next two matches, first hitting 61 as Madingley's score of 149 for 8 was overhauled with four wickets down, then striking 53 not out in an eight-wicket victory over Willingham. In the same match, there were three wickets each for the two Sams, Clare and Wilson.

It left Bar Hill joint top of the league with Wilburton, the only two teams with maximum points from their first five matches.

One of the highlights of the coming month will be the Fred Styles Memorial Match at the village green on Sunday 2nd July, when we take on the Social Club.

The first midweek league match of the season was cancelled, but there are plenty more in the weeks ahead to report on in the next Bar Hill News. All the latest news and fixtures are on our website.

Our youth training sessions are also going well on the village green **every Wednesday from 6pm**. Remember, our fees for the season are only £15 per child for the whole summer, with equipment provided and sessions led by our qualified coaches. We cater for all ages and experience levels.

For the latest news and all other information about the club, or if you are interested in joining or volunteering for the club, visit www.barhillcricket.org.uk or call the number below.

July fixtures

Sunday 2nd – Fred Styles Memorial Match (H, friendly)
Tuesday 4th – Invoke (H, midweek league)
Saturday 8th – Sutton II (H, league)
Wednesday 12th – Waterbeach (A, midweek league)
Saturday 15th – St Ives Town III (A, league)
Saturday 22nd – Abbots Ripton (A, league)
Saturday 29th – Cambridge NCI IV (H, league)

***Paul Stimpson*, 01954 201212**

— BAR HILL SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB —

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The kitchen is now open, serving, when possible, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. We are still recruiting for a chef and bar/waiting staff. Contact Helene on the number below.

What's on in July?

Beer festival on Fête day, upstairs in the club this year. £2 a pint! – **1st July**.

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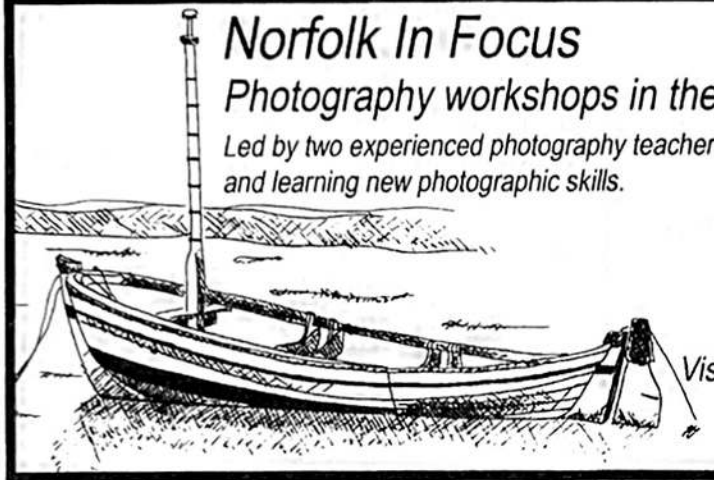

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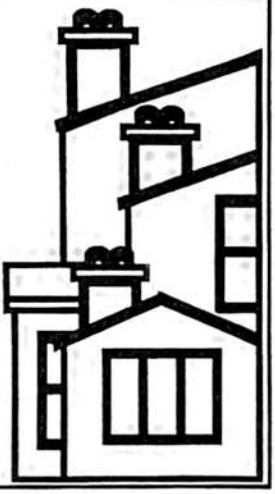

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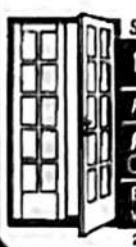

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— COUNCILLOR NOTES —

Parklife at Milton Country Park – I hope you were able to get to the excellent day at Milton Country Park, free events made it a day to have lots of fun.

South Cambs Community Chest – what good news for the Bar Hill Village Playgroup to receive funds from the South Cambs Community Chest, very well deserved for them.

South Cambs Election – Heidi Allen, newly re-elected Conservative MP for the South Cambridgeshire parliamentary constituency, was returned with 33,632 votes. My congratulations to her.

Help shape the future of South Cambridgeshire – people are being urged to have their say on the priorities for their local district council during a six week 'Let's Talk' initiative. South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is calling on people to tell them what's important to local communities and what makes the place they live special, so they can help councillors and officers to draw up a business plan for next year.

Between 2011 and 2031, 19,500 homes are planned to be built in South Cambs but council bosses have reiterated that housing affordability remains one of the greatest challenges in the area. Transport and connectivity have consistently been a top priority for residents and businesses over recent years, which councillors have said must go hand-in-hand with new homes to support future generations growing up in the area.

You can also give your views by visiting www.scambs.gov.uk/letstalk where there is a summary of the main issues.

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If you come to Swavesey RADSOC productions, you'll see a couple of familiar faces on stage – John Pickering plays Alan and Chris Hay plays Herbert.

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— FAREWELL TO THE RAVENS —

Bar Hill under 16s (the Ravens) played their final league match in April. They were formed ten years ago as under 7s by Tim Parker and Janet Shanahan. The following year Kevin Sargent took over as manager and has been there ever since with Janet. Over the ten years squad numbers have grown when many local teams have folded. So the Ravens have evolved from a classroom at Bar Hill Primary School to having players from eight of the surrounding villages. Four players have been with the Ravens from the start :- James Debono, Liam Rabel, Harry Sargent, and Luke Shanahan.

The Ravens achieved the highest sporting award marks two years in a row (rated by fellow coaches). They have also been voted Bar Hill Colts team of the year three times. Over the last six years they have won the league outright once and were joint winners on another occasion. Over this period they amassed 222 points, scoring 429 goals with a positive goal difference of 258. Their average league position was 2nd, average goals per season is 71, average goal difference plus 43. In five of the last six seasons they have had the leading league goal scorer. Five Ravens players are now qualified referees who officiate matches and act as true role models to the younger generation. One player now referees at county level and is supporting the new intake of referees in the academy.

A special mention should go to Phil Stevens who helped coach the Ravens during their mini soccer years. Kevin and Janet would like to thank every player who has represented the Ravens over the last ten years. They would also like to extend their gratitude to the parents for their support come rain, frost or roasting sunshine. Finally, they would like to thank Bar Hill Colts Committee who have provided a terrific framework allowing them to manage and coach their team effectively.

On behalf of Bar Hill Colts I would like to thank Kevin and Janet for their continued hard work, commitment, and overall contribution to the club. Janet's organisational skills and off the pitch administration allowed Kevin to concentrate on the playing side to great effect. I am pleased to say that Janet will continue as our club Welfare Officer whilst Kevin will continue to help other coaches whenever he can.

So the Ravens have reached the end of an era...

Their last match was played against a team of managers/coaches from all our teams at the **Colts Presentation Day** on Saturday 17th June. In 2016 they were beaten in a hard fought match, so they will undoubtedly be out for revenge. We'll include a match report in next month's edition, along with details of all awards given out at the presentation.

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— COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT —

At the first **meeting of the County Council**, members of the majority group were appointed chairs and vice-chairs of all the committees. The only exception was the Audit and Accounts Committee which with it scrutiny responsibility was deemed to be more appropriately chaired by a member of the opposition. The agenda also included some constitutional changes but the committee system, at least in principle, persists for two years.

The **Combined Authority**'s first meeting under its new chairman on 31 May started with James Palmer signing the declaration of acceptance of office as Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The constituent councils appointed their members in a politically proportional way. Portfolios for the Combined Authority are: Leader of the County Council holds the Fiscal portfolio whilst the Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council is the portfolio holder for New Homes and Communities.

After many years of waiting **Cambridge North Station** opened on 21st May providing really good connections with the Busway and its popular and well used cycle way. The current schedule of services has received some criticism but there is no doubt that this new station provides an alternative for many to driving through the congested city roads to get to Cambridge station.

The **cyber-attack** on the NHS and the British Airways flight disruptions are yet two more examples of the vulnerability to which we are exposed as we become ever more dependent on computer connectivity. Those of us who rely on the internet for a range of needs, e.g. e-mail communication, armchair shopping, banking, need to be ever vigilant about cyber-security [on which Cambridgeshire Constabulary is one of the leading forces in the country]. There is a wealth of advice available to individuals on www.getsafeonline.org/ or small businesses can find similarly helpful advice at: www.actionfraud.police.uk/small-businesses-know-your-business

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any comments or questions you may have. If you would like to receive a copy of the full report that I write for the division's parish councils each month, please do e-mail and I will add you to its circulation.

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- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area and never leave the BBQ unattended.
- If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave.
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly. **Never** throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.
- Don't forget to stay safe around our county's waterways and if you see someone in trouble in water, call 999 immediately with clear details of your location.
- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent.

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— TESCO IN THE COMMUNITY —

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While the rest of the country was going through a snap general election, at Bar Hill School we have held a referendum to determine whether or not we would allow "fidget spinners", the latest fad amongst children, in school. The Student Council formed five options on the referendum ballot and the result was overwhelmingly in favour of: "We should allow fidget spinners during mindfulness time and break and lunch only and put away for the rest of the day." In response to the referendum, the Student Council passed a number of bills in order to make the referendum decision work within the school. Along with having quite a lot of fun, the children have experienced a bit of British democracy while also taking responsibility for an issue that is important to them. The way the children have engaged with the political system has been brilliant and offers hope for the future of politics in Britain.
Along with high politics, the school has also enjoyed receiving another award for the school. We have been awarded Astra Zeneca's Special Achievement in Science Prize as a result of our high standards in Science and the excitement and fun we create in our curriculum. This is a wonderful honour that we were thrilled to receive.
As ever, we appreciate the community support for the school and welcome visitors and volunteers. Feel free to contact office@barhill.cambs.sch.uk if you'd like to get more closely involved.
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A SNAPSHOT OF BAR HILL ON AN ORDINARY RAINY MORNING IN JUNE

Past our wonderful library, and the picnic table outside, where yesterday children were sitting in the sunshine playing a game after school, and on to the Parish Council office, open for anyone to call in – I go to tell Sue and Bunty about a small problem and they promise to follow it up. In the Church, a lively exercise class going on, lots of ladies having a ball to loud cheerful music. I have a quick look in the Memorial Garden where I've noticed a beautiful shrub which I'd like to have in my garden. To Tesco, where I find an excited group of children, complete with clipboards, exploring the fruit and veg area, learning about where it all comes from, and Julie, our lovely Community Champion, enjoying the morning as much as they are. Outside, a little girl in pink wellies splashing in the puddles. I help to load the food which has been given to the Foodbank into crates to be taken back to the Foodbank warehouse – thank you, wonderfully generous folk from Bar Hill and the surrounding area.
It might be raining, but my village is looking wonderfully green, and everyone is busily and happily occupied. What a great place to call home – I've been here 40 years and I don't want to live anywhere else. Thank you, Bar Hill friends.
Chris Avery

— GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS —

Still to come:

Saturday 1st July: **The Bar Hill Golden Jubilee Fête.**

15th–16th July: **Flower Festival** in the Church Centre, village organisations are being asked to submit a display. Also, **Memories** – photographs, newspaper cuttings of the history of the village will be on display.

Saturday 12th August: **Bar Hill Sports & Social Club Golden Jubilee celebration.**

27th–29th October (Fri.–Sun.): **a series of events to conclude the end of the Jubilee year.**

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Listen to James talking to Cambridge 105 about Voices4Choices and the work we do at CAIL – http://cambridge105.co.uk/phil-rowe-04-01-2017/.

— SCOUTS IN BAR HILL —

The Bar Hill Scout Group, with active Beaver, Cub and Scout sections, wants to expand their programme with help from extra instructors and helpers in all three sections. We would welcome assistance from anyone interested in helping local young people get out and about – and away from electronic games for a while.

If you feel you can help or have any questions, please e-mail Roger Howard at Rogerpl294@btinternet.com.

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— FRIENDS OF THE ROSIE —

We would like to wish all Dads a "Happy Father's Day from Friends of the Rosie Hospital".

The Friends of the Rosie Hospital helps make a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. We would like to thank customers at our recent stalls; our income for 2017 is already at £600.

Upcoming Stall dates this Summer

Tea Bar, Rosie Hospital Outpatient Clinic – Monday–Friday from 9am–4pm;

50th Anniversary Fête, Bar Hill Village Green – Saturday 1st July from 1pm–5pm.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, join our team of knitters, organise the three large stalls per year at Addenbrooke's Outpatients, provide transport for our volunteers, display a small selection of our wares or help on the Rosie tea bar. Contact Mary Sanders on **01223 356615** or find further details on our website www.rosieinstitches.org.uk.

For up-to-the minute information follow Rosie in Stitches Facebook page.

You can now support Friends of the Rosie Hospital by shopping for gifts online, through Easyfundraising. If you have any toy stuffing or yarn we are in urgent need of your donation.

Thank you for your continued support.

— SAVE THE BLACK HORSE PUB —

Background: following closure of the Black Horse, Dry Drayton, late last year, a group of enthusiastic individuals have formed the Black Horse Steering Group (BHSG) with the aim of saving what is the last remaining pub – there used to be five – in the village.

The aim is to buy the Grade II listed building, which has operated as a pub since 1780, renovate it, and install a suitable tenant to run it as part of a community-based social enterprise. This initiative already has widespread approval from organisations such as the Plunkett Foundation, Pub is the Hub, CAMRA and local breweries. The Black Horse was previously a popular destination for residents of Bar Hill due to its proximity, quality beer and food at great value. The new community venture would hope to meet and exceed these needs of the people of Bar Hill.

Awareness and feedback: thus far the BHSG has organised various activities to raise awareness for the cause, including presence at the recent Beer Festival in Cambridge. In order that a rejuvenated Black Horse can serve local villages and communities effectively, we would encourage everyone from surrounding villages to take part in our survey and subscribe to our newsletter which can be accessed from our website: www.savetheblackhorse.co.uk/survey/

Investment opportunities: a public meeting will be held at the School Hall, Dry Drayton, on **Thursday 6th July 2017 at 8pm** where the business plan will be presented, along with details of very attractive opportunities for the people of local villages and communities to make investments or loans into the social enterprise. The BHSG would like to encourage anyone interested in such investments to attend the Public Meeting, or register their interest through the website or by e-mail: invest@savetheblackhorse.co.uk.

Please help us to serve local villages and communities and save the Black Horse. Twitter/Facebook: @SaveBlackHorse; website: www.savetheblackhorse.co.uk.

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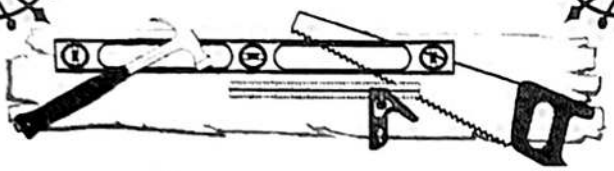

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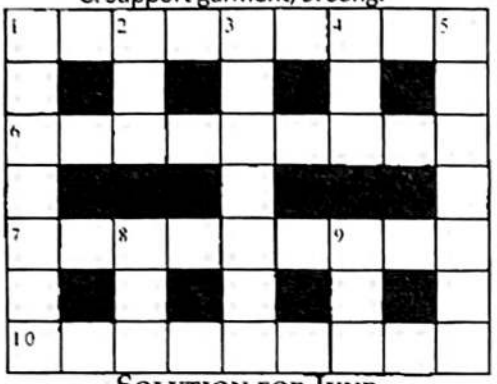
— JULY CROSSWORD —

Across: 1. sausage dog, 6. for voting slips (6,3), 7. must in music, 10. astounded.

Down: 1. they owe to us, 2. mountaineering term, 3. sleeping sound, 4. computer term, 5. place to view historic aircraft, 8. support garment, 9. song.



SOLUTION FOR JUNE

Across: 1. establish, 6. Bernstein, 7. Audley End, 10. embossing.

Down: 1. embrace, 2. tar, 3. buskers, 4. ice, 5. hang dog, 8. dab, 9. Eli.

— BIN COLLECTION —

29th June	green and blue
6th July	black
13th July	green and blue
20th July	black
27th July	green and blue
3rd August	black
10th August	green and blue
17th August	black
24th August	green and blue
Friday 1st September	black

— THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY —

Anyone interested in renting space to grow their own produce can be put on our waiting list for membership. Please contact Rob Lawrence, plot allocator, on 07788 590348.

All other allotment matters should be addressed to: barhillallotment@gmail.com.

— USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS —

Out of Hours Medical Emergencies		111
Police Non-Emergency		101
Allotment Society	*Rob Lawrence*	07788 590348
Bar Hill Church	*Minister: Charles Mather*	01954 277119
	Church office	01954 206120
Bar Hill School		01954 273305
Bar Hill Community Car Scheme		07496 465330
Bar Hill Cricket Club	*Paul Stimpson*	01954 201212
Bar Hill Sports & Social Club		01954 781881
Cambridge Fire & Rescue Service Helpline		0800 917 9994
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Community Market	*Karen Austen*	01954 781085
Conservative Party	*Iris Lay*	01954 205265
County Councillor	*Lynda Harford*	01954 251775 07889 131022
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	Over	01954 231550
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	Willingham	01954 260230
	Willingham & Longstanton Dispensary	01954 207600
Neighbourhood Watch	*Pam Vendy*	01954 201001
Over Day Centre	*Sarah Peck, Manager*	01954 231807
Parish Council Office	*Sue Bell, Parish Clerk*	01954 780456
Post Office		01954 789285
Pre-School		01954 782892
Royal British Legion, Health & Wellbeing at Tesco	*Wendy Arrowsmith*	01954 781381
Samaritans		01223 364455
Swavesey Village College		01954 230366

— JULY PUZZLE —

Form nine, nine letter cookery terms in groups of three letters, in alphabetical order.

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B	O	N	I	P	A	R	E	M
C	A	R	I	P	I	S	A	L
C	A	S	I	S	E	S	E	R
C	O	N	I	Z	E	S	T	O
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Solution for June: COMMODITY, FRANCHISE, INSURANCE, LIABILITY, LIQUIDITY, MIDDLEMAN, OLIGOPOLY, PORTFOLIO, TRADEMARK.

SEWING SERVICE

If you have a sewing job you don't fancy doing, call Lyn on 01954 201113.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Interested persons are always welcome at Residents' Association meetings.

They are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Parish Council office.

Next meeting: 4th July.

— EVENTS CALENDAR —

date	*event*	*where*	*time*
27 June	Cricket home game v. Dobblers *(page 16)*	Village Green	6pm
27 June	Bar Hill Book Club *(page 3)*	The Fox	7.30pm
1 July	**BAR HILL GOLDEN JUBILEE FÊTE** *(page 1)*		1300–late
1 July	Community Market at Jubilee Fête *(page 3)*	Octagon	10.30am–2pm
1 July	Rosie at Jubilee Fête *(page 26)*	Village Green	1–5pm
1 July	Beer Festival at Jubilee Fête *(page 16)*	BHSSC	from 1pm
2 July	Cricket – Fred Styles Memorial friendly match *(page 16)*	Village Green	1.30pm
3 July	Happy Hours – Charades *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
4 July	Cricket home game v. Invoke *(page 16)*	Village Green	6pm
6 July	NWR – Bar Hill is 50! *(page 3)*		8pm
6 July	8 O'clock Club *(page 3)*	School	8pm
6 July	Public meeting re closure of the Black Horse pub *(page 26)*	School Hall, Dry Drayton	8pm
8 July	Storytime *(page 8)*	Library	10.30am
8 July	Cricket home game v. Sutton *(page 16)*	Village Green	1.30pm
8 July	Huntingdon Wildlife Trust walk: Woodwalton Fen *(page 15)*	GR TL235849	10.30am
8 July	Charity Quiz & Raffle *(page 7)*	Frank Lee Centre	7.30pm
10 July	Happy Hours – Chocolate tasting *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
11 July	Health and Wellbeing Club *(page 3)*	Tesco community room	2–4pm
11–15 July	"An August Bank holiday Lark" *(page 21)*	ADC Theatre, Cambridge	7.45pm
14–16 July	Flower, Art & Craft Show *(page 6)*	Church	
15 July	School PTA – Year 6 Leavers' Prom	School	
17 July	Family History session *(page 8)*	Library	10am–12 noon
20 July	NWR – Pioneering women explorers *(page 3)*		8pm
21 July	School PTA – End of Year School Disco	School	
21 July	Huntingdon Wildlife Trust walk: Brampton Wood *(page 15)*	GR TL184698	10pm
24 July	**NO** Happy Hours *(page 3)*		
25 July	Bar Hill Book Club *(page 3)*	the Fox	7pm
29 July	Cricket home game v. Cambridge NCI IV *(page 16)*	Village Green	1.30pm
31 July	Marie Curie Bloomin' Great Tea Party *(page 5)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
31 July	Exciting new quiz *(page 16)*	BHSSC	from 7.30pm
3 August	NWR – Meaning of words *(page 3)*		8pm

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- Would you like to be part of our Charter Standard Community Club?

We want to hear from you! Please contact:
- **Kate Starling**, Secretary, Bar Hill Colts FC, E: kate.starling@hotmail.com or T: 07949 784940.
- **Jairo Marin**: E: jairo@tesco.net or T: 07712 121525.

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